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Maryland Man Found Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter While Armed and Obstructing Justice

WASHINGTON - Leroy Jenkins, 34, of Capitol Heights, Md., was found guilty Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2010, of charges in a slaying that took place three years ago in Southeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

A jury returned its verdict after a two-week trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Jenkins was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter while armed, carrying a dangerous weapon, and obstruction of justice. The Honorable Gregory Jackson is scheduled to sentence Jenkins on Dec. 1. Jenkins was ordered held without bond pending the sentencing.

According to the government's evidence presented at trial, Jenkins stabbed and killed Rahim Winston, 30, in the 1300 block of C Street SE about 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2007. Shortly before the stabbing, Winston and Jenkins had been arguing and became involved in a brief physical altercation. The argument resumed a short time later, and Jenkins stabbed Winston in the arm and chest with a knife. Moments later, Winston collapsed in the 300 block of Kentucky Avenue SE.

Jenkins was observed by witnesses arguing with Winston earlier that evening. He also was seen angrily confronting Winston immediately after the stabbing, as Winston was stumbling down Kentucky Avenue shortly before he collapsed.

Approximately one week after the stabbing, Jenkins admitted to his girlfriend that he stabbed and killed the decedent. Jenkins's girlfriend was eventually interviewed by police and informed the police that Jenkins had admitted to the stabbing. After his arrest for the killing, Jenkins instructed his girlfriend to recant her statement to the police that he had admitted to her that he committed the stabbing. On Oct. 3, 2007, she testified at Jenkins's preliminary hearing

and recanted her statement to the police that he had admitted to the stabbing and killing.

In announcing the verdict, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Matthew Dailey, Lieutenant Ozetta Posey, Lieutenant Robert Alder, and the members of Squad Five of the Violent Crimes Branch. He also praised the efforts of MPD Officers Richard S. Griffin, Ridley Durham, and Grant Greenwalt.

U.S. Attorney Machen also praised the work of employees in his office, including paralegals Marian Russell and Mia Beamon, and administrative supervisor Wanda Queen. He also thanked the outstanding support of the entire litigation services team, who performed a lot of work on the case: Kimberly Smith, Joseph Calvarese, and Ron Royal. He also thanked Victim-Witness Advocate Marcey Rinker of the Victim-Witness Unit. Finally, he thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steven B. Wasserman and Melinda Williams, who indicted and tried the case.

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